

Spain

The Spanish Red Cross Review is celebrating this year the hundredth anniversary of its founding and the *International Review* is happy to extend to it, on this occasion, its sincerest congratulations. The first issue came out in April 1870, through the efforts of Dr. Nicasio Landa, an eminent humanitarian and the true originator of the Red Cross movement in Spain.

At that time, the journal was called " La Caridad en la guerra " and appeared once a month in Pampeluna with the motto " Hostes dum vulnerati, fratres ". After its thirteenth issue, it began to be edited in Madrid, and continued to appear in the capital, except for a few brief interruptions, at first in a four-page edition, and later in its present form, consisting of over a hundred pages.

The first issue contained an article describing the deeper significance of the movement born a few years earlier. Further on, after some observations on " Charity during civil wars ", readers could find news items on the development of the Red Cross in Spain and in Austria and on the work of the International Committee in Geneva.

Tunisia

The Tunisian Red Crescent is to issue a half-yearly periodical, which, it hopes, will subsequently appear quarterly. The first number, very attractively presented and illustrated, came out in 1970 and includes a section in French and one in Arabic.

It contains some interesting news of the National Society's work, as described at the last General Assembly. An article recalls the significance of World Red Cross Day and the participation in it of the Tunisian Red Crescent; another draws the lesson of the International Conference of the Red Cross at Istanbul and of the resolutions adopted by it; and, finally, three papers describe the principles and practice of first-aid and the importance of providing adequate training for medical personnel, in everyday life as much as in hospitals.

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As one can see, the editors have as their aim the broadening of their readers' horizon by showing them progressively various aspects of humanitarian action and thought. The editorial declares:

“ . . . The essential task of our periodical will be to make known and loved the noble principles on behalf of which our societies have never ceased to strive for over a century. Those principles will constitute the rule of our publication and if, unhappily, in a world torn by strife, there are sometimes people who are not aware of them, who better than the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies could let them be known, cherished and respected?”

The work to be done here is tremendous and uplifting: to recall to all men of goodwill the principles of the Geneva Conventions and to insist that the latter be respected absolutely and without any restrictions. It is thus that men will discover that they are, first of all, interdependent with all other men, without any distinction, and that wherever they may find themselves, to whatever creed or race they may belong, they are brethren of all who suffer and are in need of assistance.

Friend, wherever you may be, this review is for you, for you belong to mankind, and by you and for you, it shall live...”
